THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) During the rainy season generally there is sufficient flow in river Yamuna downstream Tajewala and Wazirabad as the river is basically dependent on rainy water in its catchment. During lean period, the available water upstream Tajewala is diverted through Western and Eastern Yamuna Canals to fulfil the requiremets of Memorandum of Understanding dated 12.5.1994 thereby permitting only negligible flow or leakages from the Tajewala Headworks. Certain releases are also made from Western Yamuna canal through Munak escape into the river Yamuna at about 80 kms upstream of Wazirabad for supply of water to Wazirabad Water Treatment Plant. Thus in the lean season, the water in the river Yamuna between Tejewala and Wazirabad generally comprises or the leakages from Tajewala, regenerated ground water flow as well as the releases made from Munak escape.

In pursuance of the orders of Supreme Court of India dated 14.5.1999, 10 cumecs of water is to be released downstream of Tajewala upto Okhla throughout the year from ecological considerations. Sewage and waste water from 17 city drains also contribute into river Yamuna downstream Wazirabad barrage.

(b) Plans are on anvil by the Government of NCT of Delhi to resuscitate the river Yamuna by treatment of sewage and industrial effluents of the city before it is disposed into the river.

Report of World Dam Commission

†2576. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report of World Dam Commission; and

(b) if so, whether Government have gone through the report, it so, the decision taken by Government on the recommendation contained in the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India has not accepted the recommendations and guidelines of the World Commission on Dams as these are wholly incompatible with development imperatives of the country.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.